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(1) Matt. 9:24, "She is not dead but in a deep sleep." The Syriac is literally "sleepeth a sleep." (2) In Matt. 27:51 the Syriac for "veil" is literally "face of the door." (3) In Mark 6:30 the Syriac word probably means, not "apostles" in the Christian sense of the term, but "messengers," that is, those who conveyed the news of the Baptist's death. (4) In Luke 1:79, instead of "to shine upon them that sit in darkness," our Syriac gives: "Thou shalt shine, etc." (5) John 14:7, as found in our palimpsest, is rendered by Mark as follows: "If ye had not known me, would ye know my Father also?"

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#### LITERARY NOTES.

DODD, MEAD & Co. have published a collection of essays by John Watson and other English divines upon *Clerical Life*. They consist of advice to the clergy on matters connected with their profession, are full of sound sense, and are altogether enjoyable. It will make good reading for any clergyman on a Monday morning.

CHAS. SCRIBNER'S SONS have published Dr. Henry Van Dyke's *Sermons to Young Men*, a new and enlarged edition of *Straight Sermons* (\$1.25). The change in title is certainly an improvement, and more in keeping with the character of the sermons and the good taste of the author. It would be difficult to find a series more adapted to the needs of most thoughtful young men than these of Dr. Van Dyke.

THE Macmillan Co. has published *Divine Immanence*, an essay on "The Spiritual Significance of Matter," by J. R. Illingworth. The volume is written so simply and distinctly that the subject, which is always in danger of suffering from metaphysical treatment, is made intelligible to the non-professional reader. It is a book which, while we should certainly differ from some of its positions, is worthy of careful consideration, and will be found serviceable in furnishing an *a priori* basis for the belief in miracles of the New Testament.

THE last volume in Dr. J. H. Allen's revised edition of the work of Renan, *The Apostles* (Boston: Roberts Bros.; \$2.50), is likely to be the final English version of the volume. It is based upon the thirteenth French edition. In no one of his books do the peculiar excellence and weakness of Renan as a critic and historian more appear. For the period which the book covers, from the death of Christ to 45

A. D., is one which is full of difficulties and situations entirely adapted to the peculiar tastes and powers of the French scholar. While the book can hardly be taken as sober history, it is none the less interesting reading for the student of the New Testament.

PROFESSOR E. C. DARGAN, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has issued a new and twenty-third edition of the treatise by Dr. John A. Broadus upon *Preparation and Delivery of Sermons*. In it three classes of changes have been made: those which were indicated in an interleaved copy of the book used by Dr. Broadus in his class-room; those that had been suggested orally to Dr. Dargan; and still others which the editor himself has believed would be for the better. This history of this remarkable volume justifies the new edition, and the work will undoubtedly continue to be of great service to clergymen. (New York: A. C. Armstrong & Son; \$1.75.)

THE Advance Publishing Co., of Chicago, has printed in book form a series of Sunday evening sermons by Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, of Topeka, and afterwards published as a serial in the *Advance* under the title *In His Steps, What would Jesus Do?* (\$0.75.) The book is a serious attempt to set forth in the form of a story an interpretation of the spirit and teaching of Jesus in the terms of modern life, especially as applied to social and civic problems. It is, of course, an ephemeral pamphlet rather than a permanent contribution to literature, but it is the work of a man who has studied both the teaching of Jesus and the problems of our time, and who has brought to bear upon both of them a judgment for the most part sober and sound, and the result is a book thoroughly readable, stimulating, and helpful.

WE have received from the publisher, J. C. B. Mohr, Freiburg i. B., *Catenen: Mitteilungen über ihre Geschichte und handschriftliche Überlieferung*, by Hans Lietzmann. It is one of the best contributions to the knowledge of a most important auxiliary source for the determination of the Greek text of the Old and New Testaments. After a short résumé of historical character, the author gives the history of the transmission of the manuscripts containing catenæ. Catenæ are compilations by writers from the sixth century on, from the writings of the early Fathers of the church as aids to exegetical study. Such compilations exist for almost all of the books of the Old and New Testaments, and are a valuable source of our knowledge of early Christian exegesis. Their importance was generally underrated, and their contents were

not studied as they deserved. The author explains why the marginal catenæ were the earliest. They were written much finer than the text, seventy lines of such notes occupying the space of five to ten lines of the text. The marginal catenæ were followed shortly by the text catenæ, the commentary following directly upon the verse or verses to be explained.

We trust that this contribution is only the first of many more of the same character. A most welcome addition to the author's own work is Professor Usener's minute proof (pp. 28-34) that the commentary on Job wrongly attributed by a later hand to Origen is the work of Julianus of Halicarnassus, the great opponent to the Council of Chalcedon.

THE Macmillan Co. has published in *The Bible Story*, by Professors Bennett and Adeney (price, \$1), a volume that is likely to be of considerable value in interesting children in the Bible. While it is true that probably nothing will ever equal the Bible itself as a storyteller, there are certain explanations and omissions which might very well be made if the book is to be used by young people. There is also a need of treating certain portions of the Bible in the light of current conclusions in regard to their character. The merit of this book is that the stories are told simply, without any insipid paraphrasing, and some attempt is made at a critical judgment as to their character. The book is supplied with a number of illustrations, some of which are good, and some of which can hardly be so described. It is published in both one and two volumes.